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**SEN. JOSEPH LIEBERMAN TO KEYNOTE GW'S INTERFAITH  
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE  
MAY 14**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University has announced that Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) will be the keynote speaker at the University's Interfaith Baccalaureate service **May 14 from 3-4 p.m. at the Western Presbyterian Church, located at 2401 Virginia Avenue, NW, in Washington, D.C.**

GW's Interfaith Baccalaureate Service marks the traditional beginning of Commencement Weekend, providing the University's diverse student body and their families an opportunity to come together in prayer to celebrate one of the most important moments in their lives.

"GW's Interfaith Baccalaureate service is a time for students and their families to reflect on the achievements of the past four years and the world around us," said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. "We are particularly thrilled that Sen. Lieberman will deliver the keynote address. His strong faith and commitment to education make him an ideal person to address the students as they prepare for the next phase in their lives and careers."

Lieberman, formerly a presidential candidate for the Democratic nomination in 2004 and the 2000 Democratic vice presidential nominee, is in his third term representing Connecticut in the U.S. Senate. He is the ranking member and former chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which is responsible for ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of the federal government.

Located four blocks from the White House, The George Washington University was created by an Act of Congress in 1821. Today, GW is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. The University offers comprehensive programs of undergraduate and graduate liberal arts study as well as degree programs in medicine, law, engineering, education, business/public management and international affairs. Each year, GW enrolls a diverse population of undergraduates, graduate and professional students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and more than 130 countries.

**While supplies last, graduating seniors can request up to four tickets by sending their name, phone number and ticket number requested to [use@gwu.edu](mailto:use@gwu.edu). For additional information, please contact Kat Bugg at (202) 994-7129 or [kbugg@gwu.edu](mailto:kbugg@gwu.edu).**

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**GW AND THE SMITHSONIAN ASSOCIATES PRESENT  
D-DAY REMEMBERED ... "THIS IS RICHARD C. HOTTELET, CBS NEWS, REPORTING"  
JUNE 6**

**EVENT:** *D-Day Remembered ... "This is Richard C. Hottelet, CBS News, Reporting,"* co-sponsored by The George Washington University and The Smithsonian Associates. On the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the allied D-Day invasion, Hottelet – a member of the revered "Murrow Boys" – will reflect on his experience as a war correspondent during an afternoon of conversation and recordings of historic radio broadcasts.

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 6, 2004, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
Marvin Center, Betts Theater  
800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** For free tickets call Matt Nehmer at (202) 994-6467 or Matt Lindsay at (202) 994-1423.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Richard C. Hottelet** was 26 when he was hired by Edward R. Morrow and joined CBS News in 1944. He remained with the network for 41 years. He also worked for United Press and was the only American journalist arrested by the Nazis and held for four months until his release in a prisoner exchange. **Michael Freedman**, former general manager of CBS Radio Network News and a managing editor of UPI, and now a vice president and professorial lecturer in journalism at The George Washington University, will interview Hottelet.

The Smithsonian Associates provides educational and cultural programs that highlight and complement the work of the Smithsonian through a wide variety of formats that range from lectures and courses on the National Mall to study tours around the world.

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## **NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS CELEBRATES 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

### **Ceremony at GW Marks Occasion and Launches NSCS-GW Alumni Endowment Campaign**

**WASHINGTON**—Honoring and inspiring academic excellence and engaged citizenship for a lifetime, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) celebrated its first decade at a dinner Friday, April 30, on the campus of The George Washington University, 10 years to the day after the society's initial class was inducted.

The NSCS, founded at GW in 1994, is an honors organization recently welcomed into the Association of College Honor Societies. The mission of the NSCS is to recognize academic achievement among first- and second-year college students and encourage members to develop leadership skills through community service.

In honor of the occasion, and in celebration of its founding at GW, remarks were provided by NSCS Board Chair Sarah Keller (GW B.A. '95), who was the first chapter president, and NSCS Founder and Executive Director Stephen E. Loflin. "The idea and vision to have a positive impact on students has been realized in ways that I would have never imagined," said Loflin.

At the dinner Loflin announced an NSCS-GW Alumni Scholarship drive to kick off at GW this fall. Scholarship funds raised by alumni and members of the NSCS GW chapter will be matched by the NSCS national office. The scholarship will provide future GW students additional opportunities to achieve success in their academic disciplines and service to the community.

Founded 10 years ago at GW when 120 new members were inducted into the society, the NSCS now boasts active chapters on more than 200 college and university campuses across the United States. In 10 years, 350,000 lifetime members have been involved in service to their campus and local communities as well as scholastic and social activities.

Twenty percent of NSCS members identify themselves as ethnic minority groups and 64 percent of society members are women. NSCS members represent the top 20 percent of the collegiate academic community and include participants from all major fields of study. Forty-three percent of NSCS members have earned a 3.9-4.0 GPA, 30 percent earned a 3.6-3.8 GPA and 26 percent earned a 3.4-3.6 GPA.

A delegation of GW students, faculty, staff and alumni helped recognize NSCS during the anniversary celebration. This group included GW Chapter President Jessica Beaman (Class of '05), GW's NSCS Faculty Advisor Peter Konwerski and GW's Executive Director of the Student Activities Center Laura Taddeucci Downs. Several current GW student musicians from the GW chapter entertained the more than 75 guests who joined the celebration. The GW chapter of NSCS will induct more than 800 new GW student members Friday, October 14, 2004, during Colonials Weekend, GW's annual alumni and family weekend.

**For more information about the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, contact  
Christie Susko at [susko@nscs.org](mailto:susko@nscs.org) or visit [www.nscs.org](http://www.nscs.org).**

**For more information about the GW chapter of NSCS, e-mail [nscs@gwu.edu](mailto:nscs@gwu.edu).  
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**“FROM RESEARCH TO REALITY:”  
GW HOSTS SYMPOSIUM ON PERVERSIVE COMPUTING IN THE SMART HOME  
MAY 20**

**Symposium to Allow Research and Industry Users to Share Knowledge About Current Applications  
and Future Directions of Pervasive Technologies**

**EVENT:** “From Research to Reality,” a Symposium on Pervasive Computing in the Smart Home at The George Washington University Virginia Campus. Researchers, product developers and implementers will discuss pervasive and ubiquitous technologies during the symposium hosted by GW’s Home of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research Lab and GW’s School of Engineering and Applied Science and co-sponsored by the Northern Virginia Technology Council. More information about the symposium is available at [www.gwvirginia.gwu.edu/smarthome](http://www.gwvirginia.gwu.edu/smarthome).

**WHO:** **Sanjay Sarma**, associate professor of mechanical engineering at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and co-founder of The Auto-ID Center  
**Gregory Abowd**, associate professor in the College of Computing at The Georgia Institute of Technology and director of the Aware Home Research Initiative  
**Daniel Weitzner**, technology and society domain leader of the World Wide Web Consortium  
Additional panelists include industry and research experts from America Online, Inc. (AOL), SUN Microsystems, Verify Systems, Ubisense, NEXTEL, AetherWire, CiTechnologies, IBM RFID Global Center, The Broadband Group, Technology-Assisted Child Safety Initiative, SafeTzone Technologies Corporation, MAXIMUS, KidLocate and the Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC).

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 20, 2004, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University Virginia Campus, Building 1  
20101 Academic Way, Ashburn, Va.  
(For detailed directions, visit [www.va.gwu.edu/visitor/location.html](http://www.va.gwu.edu/visitor/location.html))

**COST:** \$50/person; \$25/students (ID required). For more registration information contact Kelly Lichliter at (703) 726-3650 or [kellyll@va.gwu.edu](mailto:kellyll@va.gwu.edu).  
For members of the media only the symposium fee is waived. Media should RSVP to Joan Ziemba at (703) 726-3651 or Matt Lindsay at (202) 994-1423.

**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the GW Symposium on Pervasive Computing in the Smart Home is to allow researchers, product developers and implementers to share knowledge about current applications and future directions for pervasive technologies. Bhagirath Narahari, GW professor of engineering and applied science, is the symposium chair. The symposium is co-sponsored by the NVTC, AOL, KidLocate and GW.

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**U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN EDWARD GNEHM APPOINTED SHAPIRO PROFESSOR  
AT GW'S ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**WASHINGTON** – Edward “Skip” Gnehm, a U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, Kuwait and Australia who raised the American flag over the U.S. embassy after the liberation of Kuwait in 1991, has been named a J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Professor by The George Washington University. The career diplomat, Middle East specialist and GW alumnus will begin his two-year appointment at the Elliott School of International Affairs in September. He also will serve as co-director of the school’s undergraduate program in international affairs.

“We are honored to have Ambassador Gnehm join the GW faculty and our distinguished roster of scholars and statesmen who have served as Shapiro Professors,” said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. “As a former president of the GW Student Association, former member of our Board of Trustees and continuing friend to the University, ‘Skip’ Gnehm is the embodiment of our efforts to prepare national leaders and then have them return to teach the next generation. We welcome him home with open arms and great expectations.”

Gnehm joined the U.S. Department of State in 1969 and has forged a long and distinguished diplomatic career. He is a member of the Senior Foreign Service and holds the rank of Career Minister. He has served as director general of the Foreign Service and director of personnel for the Department of State; deputy permanent representative of the United States to the United Nations; deputy assistant secretary of state, Bureau of Near East and South Asian Affairs; deputy assistant secretary of defense for Near East and South Asia; deputy chief of mission, American Embassy, Amman, Jordan, and Embassy Sanaa, Yemen; head of the U.S. Liaison Office, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and deputy principal officer, U.S. Interests Section, Damascus, Syria. He also served as ambassador to Kuwait during the Gulf War in 1991.

“It is a measure of Ambassador Gnehm’s dedication to the University and the Elliott School that, in addition to his role as the Shapiro Professor, he has agreed to serve as co-director of our undergraduate program in international affairs,” said Elliott School Dean Harry Harding. “He also will be teaching courses on the politics and international relations of the Persian Gulf region and skills classes on such topics as the management of an embassy abroad.”

Gnehm received the Presidential Distinguished Service Award in 2000. He also has received two Presidential Meritorious Service Awards – in 1990 for his public service as deputy assistant secretary of defense and in 1991 for his service as deputy assistant secretary of state. He is the recipient of several State Department awards, including Superior Honor Awards for his service in Kuwait and Riyadh; in Washington as deputy assistant secretary of state; and in Taif, Saudi Arabia, as special envoy to the Kuwaiti Government; and Meritorious Honor Awards for his work in Damascus and Beirut. He also has been awarded two Secretary of Defense Medals for Meritorious Civilian Service.



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Gnehm graduated from The George Washington University with a B.A. in 1966 and an M.A. in 1968. From 1966-1967, he attended the American University in Cairo, Egypt, under a post-graduate Rotary International Fellowship. In 1992, he received The George Washington University's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. Gnehm served seven years as a member of The George Washington University Board of Trustees and was a member of the board's Executive Committee and chairman of the Student Affairs Committee.

The J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro professorship was established in 1992 by the J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Foundation to appoint distinguished figures in the field of international affairs or diplomacy whose experiences and reputations will bring an added measure of excellence to teaching and scholarship within the Elliott School. Former Shapiro professors at the Elliott School include Miguel Rodriguez, former president of Costa Rica, whose term ends this spring; Leon Fuerth, former national security adviser to Vice President Al Gore and currently a research professor at the Elliott School; James Sasser, U.S. Ambassador to China and former U.S. Senator (Tenn.); and Abba Eban, former Israeli statesman and that country's first ambassador to the United Nations, who was the University's first Shapiro Professor (1993 - 1994).

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**GW ALUMNUS ANDREW THOMPSON TO ADDRESS ELLIOTT SCHOOL GRADUATES  
MAY 14**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs is pleased to announce that alumnus Andrew Thompson will deliver the keynote address at the school’s Celebration of Student Achievement ceremony. **The celebration will take place at GW’s Charles E. Smith Center, 600 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW, on Friday, May 14, at 2 p.m.**

Thompson received a B.A. from the Elliott School in 1985 and has a long record of public service to his hometown of Tiburon, Calif. He was a member of the Tiburon Town Council from 1992 to 2003 and was elected in 1995 and 2001 to serve as the town’s mayor. Thompson also has served as chairman of both the Marin Economic Commission in Marin County, Calif., and the Richardson Bay Regional Agency.

“We are delighted that Andrew will be returning to the Elliott School to speak at this year’s celebration,” said Elliott School Dean Harry Harding. “His dedication to public service is an excellent example for our graduating students as they prepare for the next phase of their lives.”

Approximately 300 undergraduates and 200 graduate students are expected to receive their diplomas from the Elliott School this spring.

**For more information about the GW Commencement ceremony, visit  
[www.gwu.edu/~grad04/](http://www.gwu.edu/~grad04/).**

**The George Washington University Commencement ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on  
Sunday, May 16, on the Ellipse.**

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**GW M.F.A. STUDENTS PRESENT COMPLEMENTARY VISIONS THROUGH CERAMICS  
AND PAINTING IN THESIS SHOW, *STICKS AND STONES***

**EVENT:** The George Washington University Dimock Gallery and the Department of Fine Arts and Art History present Erin Farnsworth and Shelley Stevens' Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) thesis show, *Sticks and Stones*.

**WHEN:** Opening Reception: Wednesday, May 12, 2004, 4 – 6 p.m.  
Exhibition Dates: Wednesday, May 12 – Friday, May 21, 2004  
Gallery hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m. – noon, Commencement weekend "Open House"

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
Dimock Gallery, Lower Lisner Auditorium, 730 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** Free and open to the public. For more information call 202-994-1525.

**BACKGROUND:**

Utah's rock formations, red-orange sentinels thrusting up against the sky, informed the monumental approach to painting rocks applied in Erin Farnsworth's oils. By entwining found branches and roots with ceramic vessel forms Shelley Stevens creates positive and negative convolutions in space. Both artists look to encounters with nature for their inspiration.

Varying the media through the use of oil paint, watercolor and lithography, Farnsworth focuses on a central theme: the depiction of stones and rocks. In her watercolors the jewel-like colors and the smooth, shiny surfaces of the polished rocks shimmer transparently. In the lithographs, as in the watercolors, the artist arranged the stones in groups, often forming them into lines or circles. These works show not merely mastery of the media but also Farnsworth's hand in the careful placement of stones. In contrast, the oil paintings depict rough, natural, found rocks that are similar to the landscape in her native Utah. Farnsworth's emphasis, however, is on the rocks' displacement, which she evokes through situating them in spare, interior settings. "Moving the rocks from their natural setting to a studio environment emphasizes the dichotomy of humankind vs. nature," said Farnsworth.

Very few ceramists combine wood and ceramics. In this unique endeavor, Stevens began the process of making her sculptural teapots by collecting mountain laurel branches and burls from the Appalachian foothills. "I love both wood and clay...they look like they naturally go together," said Stevens. The natural twists and bends in the wood inspired the forms of the ceramics that she combined with them. The superb integration between wood and ceramic belies the technical difficulty of their creation. Because the clay shrinks 5-13 percent depending on the firing process, Stevens had to develop full-size clay models. In order to accurately take into account the final shrinkage, the final teapots were made solid, cut and hollowed out, then pieced back together. Stevens also experimented with many clay bodies, glazes and firing techniques. A few of the test pieces are on display. Each of the final one-of-a-kind teapots demanded a month of hands-on work.

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**"50 YEARS AFTER BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE ONGOING ROLE OF RACISM IN A 'COLORBLIND' SOCIETY," A FILM SERIES HOSTED BY GW**

**EVENT:** "50 Years After Brown v. Board of Education, the Ongoing Role of Racism in a 'Colorblind' Society," a summer-long film series sponsored by GW's Department of Sociology and the Office of Special and International Programs.

**WHAT/  
WHEN:** Thursday, May 27, 2004, 8 p.m., *Malcolm X* (1992)  
Directed by Spike Lee and starring Denzel Washington in a performance that won him a 1992 Oscar nomination, *Malcolm X* tells the story of a man who continues to have a profound impact on race relations in America through his speeches and autobiography.

Thursday, June 24, 2004, 8 p.m., *Freedom Song* (2000)  
*Freedom Song* is a too-little-known classic produced and starring Danny Glover. It brings the Mississippi civil rights movement to life by focusing on the local people who made it happen. Phil Alden Robinson directs.

Thursday, July 22, 2004, 8 p.m., *Hoop Dreams* (1994)  
Following two real would-be NBA stars from middle school to college, this film is the most popular non-music documentary ever released. It also raises heartbreaking issues about educational inequality and affirmative action. Steve James directs and William Gates and Arthur Agee star as themselves.

Thursday, August 5, 2004, 8 p.m., *Get on the Bus* (1996)  
Spike Lee's *Get On the Bus* focuses on 15 black men crossing the country in a chartered bus to get to the Million Man March. In this film, Lee has put together a terrific ensemble of characters representing points of view across – and off – the political spectrum. This movie stars Ossie Davis, André Braugher and Charles Dutton.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
1957 E Street, NW, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** This event is free and open to the public.

**BACKGROUND:**

The film series was organized by James Loewen, author of *Lies My Teacher Told Me*. Loewen will lead a discussion after each movie.

This programming is part of a GW Summer Institute on *Brown v. Board of Education*, which reviews the role of race in American society since the historic unanimous Supreme Court decision outlawing "separate but equal" education. Four courses, suitable for undergraduates and graduates, are offered, covering education, housing, poverty, welfare, employment and the Civil Rights Movement.

**For more information about the film series, call (202) 994-6345 or e-mail [soc@gwu.edu](mailto:soc@gwu.edu).  
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**"50 YEARS AFTER BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE ONGOING ROLE OF  
RACISM IN A 'COLORBLIND' SOCIETY," A LECTURE SERIES HOSTED BY GW**

**NAACP Chair Julian Bond and Former Mississippi Governor William Winter  
Among Featured Speakers**

**EVENT:** "50 Years After Brown v. Board of Education, the Ongoing Role of Racism in a 'Colorblind' Society," a summer-long lecture series that features prominent experts to talk about the impact of *Brown v. Board of Education*. These programs are part of a Summer Institute at The George Washington University on *Brown v. Board of Education* and sponsored by the Department of Sociology and the Office of Special and International Programs.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 20, 2004, 8 p.m., *The Civil Rights Movement – Then and Now*  
**Julian Bond**, NAACP chair

Thursday, July 1, 2004, 8 p.m., *Civil Rights, Before and After, in Mississippi*  
**William Winter**, former Mississippi governor

Thursday, July 15, 2004, 8 p.m., *School Litigation Since Brown*  
**Barbara Arnwine**, executive director, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Thursday, July 29, 2004, 8 p.m., *The Wages of Sin*  
**Roger Wilkins**, George Mason University

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Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** This event is free and open to the public.

**BACKGROUND:**

This GW Summer Institute program reviews the role of race in American society since the historic unanimous Supreme Court decision outlawing "separate but equal" education. Four courses, suitable for undergraduates and graduates, are offered, covering education, housing, poverty, welfare, employment and the Civil Rights Movement.

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**GW PROFESSOR ROBERT CUTLER TO DISCUSS AND SIGN HIS NEW BOOK,  
*MACKAY'S FLYING FORTRESS: THE HISTORY OF AMERICA'S WORST AVIATION  
DISASTER IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC WWII*  
JUNE 1**

**EVENT:** Robert Cutler, professorial lecturer in engineering, will discuss and sign copies of his recently published book, *Mackay's Flying Fortress: The History of America's Worst Aviation Disaster in the Southwest Pacific WWII*, in an event sponsored by The George Washington University's Gelman Library and FRIENDS, a group dedicated to building a better Foggy Bottom/West End through communication, cooperation and collaboration.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 1, 7:15 p.m.  
The discussion and book signing follows the 6 p.m. FRIENDS dinner and 6:15 p.m. FRIENDS meeting. All events are open to the public.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University; Gelman Library, Room 202  
2130 H Street NW, Washington, D.C.  
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** Free and open to the public. RSVP to Roxy Cordova at (202) 994-0211.

**BACKGROUND:**

*Mackay's Flying Fortress* brings the reader to Australia during World War II. On June 14, 1943, as the Allies launched a counter-offensive against Japanese forces advancing in New Guinea, a B-17C bomber with 41 men on board crashed shortly after takeoff from Mackay Aerodrome, North Queensland. The plane carried a crew of six and 35 American servicemen returning from "R&R" leave in Mackay to the war zone at Port Moresby, New Guinea. There was only one survivor.

Because of wartime censorship, the outside world was given no news of the crash. It remained a classified secret years after the war. To this day, the cause of the crash remains uncertain. The 46th Troop Carrier Squadron, Fifth Air Force, operated the plane. The incident was kept secret by U.S. Army authorities for reasons of military security and morale. Little is known of it outside of Mackay; no mention of the crash or its magnitude was published in the United States, until recently.

In May 1992, local Australian citizens at Bakers Creek built a monument to mark the B-17C crash site. These Australians remain grateful to the Americans who rescued their nation from possible enemy invasion during the early part of WWII. Commemoration ceremonies are held each June at the Bakers Creek Memorial in Australia.

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## **BEST AND BRIGHTEST IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE NAMED WINNERS OF ARTHUR S. FLEMMING AWARDS**

**GW To Host 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony June 7 –  
WJLA TV News Anchor Kathleen Matthews to Serve as Guest Presenter;  
Nobel Prize Winner William D. Phillips to Deliver Keynote**

**WASHINGTON** – The Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission has named 12 of the best and brightest in federal government service as recipients of the 55<sup>th</sup> annual Flemming Awards. Recognized by the President of the United States, agency executives and the private sector, the Flemming Awards honor individuals with three to 15 years of public service experience for their extraordinary contributions to the federal government.

The awards ceremony will take place on Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. WJLA TV news anchor **Kathleen Matthews** will serve as guest presenter at the awards ceremony, which is hosted by The George Washington University and sponsored by BearingPoint, Inc., Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and EDS. This year's keynote will be delivered by Nobel Laureate (1997 Prize in Physics) and past Flemming Award winner (1987) **William D. Phillips**.

This year's Flemming Awards winners are:

### **Administrative Category**

#### ***Linda M. Calbom, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. General Accounting Office***

Linda Calbom is widely recognized and respected in the federal community not only as an expert in accounting and auditing, but as someone who works tirelessly to find solutions and achieve results. She has worked to improve the government's stewardship over its fiscal resources by implementing measures to strengthen financial accountability and transparency. Calbom's leadership, technical expertise and unyielding determination have been evident in her efforts to resolve a number of issues, including government credit card abuse and improper payments and U.S. Postal Service retiree benefit obligations.

#### ***Georgia Lee Harris, Group Leader, Laboratory Metrology, National Institute of Standards and Technology***

Georgia Lee Harris has provided vision, leadership and skilled management in the development and implementation of a comprehensive long-term approach to improve advanced measurement techniques, uncertainty analysis and traceability concepts. She has helped upgrade state metrology laboratories, improved the quality of measurements, and established extensive proficiency testing and evaluation systems to monitor and assess the measurements made by state metrology laboratories. Harris has promoted and assisted laboratories to comply with international criteria and quality systems, which has resulted in 12 accredited state weights and measures laboratories with five more under review.

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***Jeffrey T. Morris, Associate Director for Science, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency***

Jeffrey Morris has enjoyed a 13-year career with the Environmental Protection Agency, during which he has advanced from a GS-7 position to associate director for science. In the Office of Pesticide Program, he co-led the Acute Worker Risk Strategy, successfully negotiating with pesticide manufacturers to protect agricultural workers from exposure to organophosphate insecticides. Later, he successfully led an EPA team that negotiated the cancellation of pesticide uses that posed potential cancer risks. Under Morris's management and leadership in the Office of Science Policy, direct scientific support to the EPA's regional offices has more than doubled.

***Major George (Marty) Reynolds, Assistant Director of Operations, U.S. Air Force***

Major Marty Reynolds has shown exceptional service as the 355<sup>th</sup> Wing Executive Officer and assistant director of operations, 41<sup>st</sup> Electronic Combat Squadron, 55<sup>th</sup> Electronic Combat Group, 55<sup>th</sup> Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. His extraordinary administrative skills, keen problem-solving abilities and exceptional leadership have been called upon on numerous occasions. He was responsible for developing policies, monitoring programs, and resolving problems associated with a wing comprised of 26 squadrons and more than 4,600 personnel. As a mission-ready combat pilot he flew 137 combat hours during Operation Enduring Freedom and was a primary Compass Call planner for Operation Anaconda. Through his efforts, 34 aircrew and ground personnel were rescued from enemy fire.

**Applied Science Category**

***Terry S. Duncan, Chief Engineer, Starfire Optical Range, U.S. Air Force Lab/Directed Energy Directorate***

Terry Duncan has advanced the Transformational Communication System beam control technology for the Directed Energy Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He displayed superior technical leadership abilities culminating in the success of the multi-million-dollar Laser Tracking Experiment tests at the Starfire Optical Range. He led a 60-member team through 17 months of demanding field tests to validate key enabling laser beam control technologies for the Transformational Communication System, achieving major technical breakthroughs for this important program. His efforts exceeded critical requirements levied by the Secretary of the Air Force and kept the \$9 billion Transformational Communication System acquisition program on track.

***Major Leanne J. Henry, Chief, Force Structure Branch, U.S. Air Force***

Major Leanne Henry has served as chief, Force Structure Branch, Long Range Plans Division, Directorate of Strategic Planning, HQ USAF. Applying her dedication, skiG II and technical expertise, Major Henry designed and developed the Enhanced Tradespace Tool (ETT), which enables Air Force leaders to see and understand how the decisions of today affect future budgets, forces, personnel and capabilities. This tool has been used to support major decisions at the highest levels of the Air Force and the U.S. government, including presentations to Congress on the new tanker program, decisions by the Air Force Chief of Staff on the Air Force 2025 "target" force, and assistance to four-star generals in their deliberations on the next Air Force budget and six-year program. The breakthrough insights of Major Henry's ETT technology allows leaders to balance the military demands of today, while transforming the next-generation forces to meet the demands of tomorrow.

***Major Francine Nelson, Space Aggressor Planner, U.S. Air Force***

Major Francine Nelson has led a 20-person team of National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) analysts participating in the Analysis of Alternatives (AoA) study for the multi-billion dollar Space Based Radar (SBR) program. This Air Force Space Command (AFSPC)-sponsored study was the largest-ever Air Force AoA and the single highest priority at the Department of Defense for this type of analysis. Major Nelson ensured that SBR addresses



U.S. intelligence needs as well as Defense Department requirements. She hosted a seminar of the intelligence community and military experts who defined contributions of an SBR. She pioneered the first-ever NRO evaluation of Defense Department regional scenarios and championed AoA evaluation of SBR special products. Major Nelson analyzed SBR demands for data processing, exploitation and dissemination compared to the capacity of next-generation systems. Her analysis was praised by the Central Intelligence Agency's Mission Requirements Board, the Joint Space Team and the National SBR Working Group.

***Dr. Charles S. Tarrío, Physicist, National Institute of Standards and Technology***

Dr. Charles Tarrío has provided pioneering contributions as a physicist and project leader at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). His work involving the measurement of extreme ultra-violet (EUV) light, and its applications in semiconductor lithography, astronomy and physical sciences is significant. Dr. Tarrío established an EUV metrology facility at the NIST SURF synchrotron light source that has become the leading provider of measurement and characterization services to the international EUV optics community. Over the last decade this facility has performed well over 1,000 tests for the user community, all on components that have been fabricated with tolerances at the cutting edge of measurement science – including EUV telescopes that have been flown in satellite missions, optics for EUV semiconductor lithography systems, mirrors for x-ray lasers, and a variety of new devices for the generation, control and measurement of EUV light.

**Scientific Category**

***Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Ann Honein, Epidemiologist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention***

Dr. Peggy Honein has made outstanding contributions as an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – finding the causes of birth defects, evaluating birth defect prevention activities, and assessing health risks in children with birth defects. Her accomplishments have made a significant contribution to the health of children in the United States and throughout the world. Dr. Honein serves as the lead epidemiologist for the National Birth Defects Prevention Study, the world's largest case-control study of birth defects, with more than 15,000 participating families to date. Amongst her many contributions, she has conducted original epidemiological research describing the risk for birth defects associated with behavioral and medical factors, such as cigarette smoking, obesity and medications. She also evaluated the impact of folic acid fortification of cereal grains on the birth prevalence of neural tube defects.

***Dr. Deborah Shiu-Lan Jin, Physicist, National Institute of Standards and Technology***

Dr. Deborah Shiu-Lan Jin has made breakthrough achievements as a physicist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. She is unquestionably one of the world's leading atomic, molecular and optical experimentalists. Dr. Jin is the world leader in coaxing collections of fermionic atoms into a single quantum state, analogous to the Bose-Einstein Condensate (BEC) for which Cornell, Ketterle and Wieman won the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physics. To accomplish this feat she has devised schemes to cause strongly repulsive fermionic atoms in a gas to pair up like electrons in a superconductor. In 1999, she produced the first degenerate Fermi gas of atoms in a tiny cloud of potassium atoms in a magnetic trap. This year she created the first Bose-Einstein "Super Molecule" – a Bose-Einstein Condensate of fermionic molecules.

***Dr. Meyya Meyyappan, Director for Nanotechnology, National Aeronautic and Space Commission***

Dr. Meyya Meyyappan has made outstanding contributions to the field of nanotechnology as director of NASA's Center for Nanotechnology. His innovations in carbon nanotube growth have enabled many applications including those in electronics, sensors and other nano devices. By taking these novel concepts all the way to implementation, his work has impacted nanotechnology as a field. His research, leadership and advocacy for nanotechnology have been a catalyst for the development of world-wide programs in this new field, widely regarded as the technology of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In recognition of his undisputed leadership in his field of endeavor, he is widely sought after as a speaker and has addressed over 160 conferences and seminars throughout the world.



***Dr. Mark Zimering, Chief, Endocrinology, Department of Veterans Affairs***

Dr. Mark Zimering has conducted pathfinding research revealing how basic fibroblast growth factor contributes to disease in pituitary tumor, diabetes mellitus and bone. Dr. Zimering was the first to report basic fibroblast growth factor in blood in patients suffering pituitary tumors. He described autoantibodies mimicking fibroblast growth factor in pituitary tumor patients with prolactin, or growth hormone excess. He found antibodies with long-lasting bioactivity in breast cancer patients with elevated prolactin, and showed that fibroblast growth factor and antibodies both contribute to cancer growth in bone. He described the normal regulation of basic fibroblast growth factor by blood calcium levels. His research linked basic fibroblast growth factor with diabetes mellitus and obesity, suggesting basic fibroblast growth factor may participate in a wide spectrum of eye, kidney and cardiovascular complications in patients with diabetes, or even cancer in patients with obesity.

**About the Arthur S. Flemming Awards:**

In a speech before the Washington, D.C. Downtown Jaycees in the late 1940s, Dr. Arthur Sherwood Flemming suggested that the group create an award to recognize exceptional young employees within the federal government. Flemming felt that a chapter in the nation's capital could educate the public about the contributions young civil servants make to America. In 1948, the Downtown Jaycees established and presented the first Flemming Awards. Past Flemming honorees include Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (1965); former astronaut Neil Armstrong (1969); Sen. Elizabeth Dole (1971); Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Diseases (1979); and Nobel Prize Co-Laureate William Phillips (1987). More than 400 individuals have received the award to date. GW first presented the awards in 1998.

Flemming's exemplary career spanned seven decades of service to the federal government and higher education. His career began as a member of the U.S. Civil Service Commission in 1939. He went on to serve as president of three universities, director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Aging, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Citizens Commission on Civil Rights, and co-chair of Save our Security Coalition. In 1994, President Clinton awarded Flemming, who passed away in September 1996, the Medal of Freedom in recognition of his peerless dedication to his country.

This year's awards are being sponsored by BearingPoint, Inc. ([www.bearingpoint.com](http://www.bearingpoint.com)), one of the world's largest business consulting and systems integration firms, SAIC, the largest employee-owned research and engineering firm in the nation ([www.saic.com](http://www.saic.com)), and EDS, which provides a broad portfolio of business and technology solutions to help its clients worldwide improve their business performance ([www.eds.com](http://www.eds.com)).

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**MARK L. GERCHICK APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF AIRLINE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AT GW'S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**WASHINGTON** – Strengthening its position among the leaders of airline management education and analysis, The George Washington University has appointed Mark L. Gerchick as director of its Airline Management Graduate Certificate Program in the School of Business.

With 25 years of both public and private sector experience, Gerchick brings a fresh perspective and new leadership to the program. As a private lawyer and consultant, Gerchick has advised leading airlines, airports and other interests. Earlier, he served as chief counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration as well as deputy assistant secretary of transportation at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). At DOT, Gerchick was one of the architects and lead international negotiators in an aggressive U.S. government-led initiative to liberalize global aviation trade agreements to provide for more competition and improved services.

“We are delighted that Mark has agreed to be the director of GW’s unique airline certificate program,” said Douglas C. Frechtling, professor of tourism studies and chair of GW’s Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, which administers the program. “Mark’s past contributions to improving the climate for airline and airport management in America will help ensure that GW delivers the best learning experience possible for professional managers seeking to lead today’s dynamic aviation sector.”

“The airline industry is undergoing seismic and exciting changes,” said Gerchick. “In the United States, low-fare airlines continue their aggressive expansion. Around the world, new agreements and policies are allowing remaking the competitive marketplace. There may be no more interesting time or better place than GW to observe, study, and comment on these trends, and, most importantly, to help prepare a new generation of industry leaders for the new challenges ahead.”

GW’s Graduate Certificate in Airline Management is a six-course, 18-credit program. It was established in 2000 to serve the needs of the aviation industry and those pursuing management careers in the airline and airport sectors. Drawing upon the vast aviation resources of the Washington, D.C., region, the program provides graduate-level education to equip participants with the background, skills and knowledge to manage this global industry. By attending the Airline Management Certificate Program, participants gain practical knowledge of airline operations and marketing, airline economics, global airline issues and hub and spoke operations. Students can apply course credits earned through the program toward a GW Master of Business Administration degree.

GW’s School of Business, increasingly regarded as one of the world’s best, prepares students for professional management careers. The depth and variety of its academic and professional programs, including five specialized master’s programs, provides rich opportunities for students in the school’s core Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Business Administration and doctoral programs.

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**“ASSESSING CHANGE FOR THE BOARDS OF CONTRACT APPEALS,”  
A SPECIAL COLLOQUIUM HOSTED BY GW’s LAW SCHOOL  
JUNE 8**

**EVENT:** “Assessing Change for the Boards of Contract Appeals,” a colloquium hosted by The George Washington University Law School’s Government Procurement Law Program and the Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association. The program features leaders in federal procurement policy who will address recent reform proposals for the boards, including proposals to consolidate the boards to streamline litigation.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 8, 2004, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (registration 9:00 a.m.)

**WHERE:** The George Washington University Law School  
Jacob Burns Moot Courtroom  
2000 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C.  
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**WHO:** Moderator: **Leigh Bradley**, Holland & Knight LLP, Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association  
Panelists: **Robert Burton**, Office of Federal Procurement Policy U.S. Office of Management and Budget  
**Judge Stephen Daniels**, chairman, General Services Board of Contract Appeals  
**Judge Gary Krump**, chairman, Veterans Affairs Board of Contract Appeals  
**Fred Lees**, professor, The George Washington University Law School  
**Judge Paul Williams**, chairman, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals

**BACKGROUND:**

Founded in 1960, GW’s Government Procurement Law LL.M. Program is the only one of its kind in the country. For more than 30 years Professors Emeritus Ralph C. Nash Jr. and John Cibinic Jr. headed the program. Their treatises, indispensable references for government procurement law practitioners, are published under the auspices of The George Washington University.

Established in 1865, The George Washington University Law School is the oldest law school in the District of Columbia. Accredited by the American Bar Association and a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools, the Law School enrolls approximately 1,750 students each year.

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